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SUBJECT: LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PRIME MINISTER KHIEM
1. PRESIDENT THIEU HAS ACCEPTED PRIME MINISTER KHIEM'S REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTHS LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 19. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NGUYEN LUU VIEN WILL BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND VICE MINISTER LE CONG CHAT WILL BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND VICE CONG CHAT WILL ACTING MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

2. THIS IS IN ACCORD WITH ARTICLE 16 OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION LAW WHICH STATES: "1. CIVIL SERVANTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL WISHING TO BE CANDIDATES MIST REQUEST, AND WILL AUTHOMATICALLY RECEIVE, LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FROM THE DAYS OF THE SECOND POSTING OF THE LIST OF CANDIDATES THROUGH ELECTION DAYS. 2. THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS HOLDING POPULARLY ELECTED POSITIONS."
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